



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alexander Dyakonov et al.

Serial No.: 09/723,585

Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez

Filed: November 28, 2000

Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 8519

For: A SMOKING ARTICLE INCLUDING A SELECTIVE CARBON MONOXIDE PUMP

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 6, 2002 and the Advisory Action mailed October 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown. If any Extension of Time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

In the Claims:

Amend Claims 1, 22, 46 and 47 as follows: